

Application No. 10/521667
Response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2008

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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A pile fabric having a level difference comprising at least a longer pile part and a shorter pile part, wherein a fiber with a flat cross section shape as a shorter pile part is included at a percentage of 30% to 70% by weight to a total weight of the pile part, an average pile length of the longer pile part is 12 mm to 25 mm, a difference between an average pile length of the longer pile part[[,]] and an average pile length of the shorter pile part is 1 mm to 5 mm, the pile fabric being obtained by knitting a mixture of a fiber constituting the shorter pile part and a fiber constituting the longer pile part, a fineness of [[a]] the fiber constituting the longer pile part (DL) is in a range of 0.7 dtex to 8 dtex, and a ratio with respect to a fineness of [[a]] the fiber constituting a shorter pile part (DS) satisfies a relationship of $0.1 < (DL/DS) < 1.00.15 < (DL/DS) < 0.8.$
2. (Original) The pile fabric according to Claim 1, wherein a fineness of the fiber of fiber constituting a longer pile part (DL) is in a range of 1.5 dtex to 6 dtex.
3. (Original) The pile fabric according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein an aspect ratio of a cross section of the fiber constituting the shorter pile part is in a range of 5 to 15.
4. (Previously Presented) The pile fabric according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein a fineness of the fiber constituting the shorter pile part (DS) is in a range of 5 dtex to 12 dtex.
5. (Currently Amended) The pile fabric according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein the fiber constituting the shorter pile part is a shrinkable fiber having ~~10% to 40%~~ of dry heat

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shrinkage percentage of 10% to 40%.

6. (Previously Presented) The pile fabric according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein an organo polysiloxane is applied at least on a surface of the fiber constituting the longer pile part.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Previously Presented) The pile fabric according to Claim 1 or Claim 2, wherein at least a fiber constituting the shorter pile part is an acrylic based fiber consisting of an acrylonitrile based polymer including 35% to 98% by weight of a repeating unit originating in acrylonitrile.